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November 14, 1977

Mr. Gene F. Wilson
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you so much for your letter of November 4. Please be sure that I am willing to accept responsibility for all charges incurred in processing my Freedom of Information request. I understand that all fees must be paid even if your searches uncover no relevant documents or if the documents found are deemed non-releasable.

This letter constitutes the "agreement" referred to in the second paragraph of your letter. I look forward to hearing from you in the nearest possible future.

Sincerely,

Carl Bernstein

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Mr. Carl Bernstein

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Dear Mr. Bernstein:

This is in response to your letter of 7 October 1977, in which you request that copies of certain documents be provided you under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. We are suspending your request until we received notification from you of your willingness to accept responsibility for all charges incurred in processing your request, or if there is an upper limit to what you are willing to pay. Be advised that all fees must be paid even if our record searches uncover no relevant documents, or if the documents found are deemed nonreleasable. A copy of the Agency's schedule of fees for services provided under the Freedom of Information Act is enclosed.

Upon receipt of your agreement, I shall arrange for a search of CIA files and shall be in further communication with you once the search has been completed and any records found reviewed for releasability under the Act. We will, however, initiate a preliminary survey to determine if the extent of the search will be as limited as you indicate it should be in your letter. We will provide you with an estimate of charges based upon the result of this survey.

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Gene F. Wilson
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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